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## Water Security Division Biweekly Report

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### Water Security Progress

**Cyber Security Executive Order 13636.** EO 13636, Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity, is near day 335 out of 365 for implementation. Water Security Division staff attended meetings the week of January 13 with the FBI, the National Security Staff, and with DHS. The FBI Infragard Members Alliance half day meeting was devoted to Industrial Control Systems threats to stakeholders in the National Capital Region. The meeting had presentations from the FBI, DHS, NSA, and DOD and was attended by over 50 cleared members from government and the private sector. The NSS meeting was an Interagency Policy Committee discussion with National Security Staff about the status of the EO implementation. Key topics for the meetings were the Cybersecurity

Framework and Voluntary Program roll out plans. The main messages were for Sector Specific Agencies to encourage their associated sectors to adopt the Framework, progress toward national-level outcomes, and emphasize the importance of an enterprise risk management strategy that associate cybersecurity investments with enterprise business plans. The DHS meetings are taking place January 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> and are associated with one of the three remaining working groups, Voluntary Programs working group, which is devoted to the continued promotion of the Framework. The remaining two working groups, Civil Liberties and Research and Development, have deliverables due later this year. The Water Security Division is also coordinating with DHS and NSS on the finalization of a report from the Administrator regarding EPA authorities, regulation, and the voluntary nature of security in the water sector. (Debbie Newberry 202-564-1415 and Nelson Mix 202-564-7951)

**Continuity of Operations Plan Template for Drinking Water & Wastewater Laboratories Now Available.** The US EPA *Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) Template for Drinking Water & Wastewater Laboratories* was recently published on the web:

<http://water.epa.gov/infrastructure/watersecurity/wla/upload/epa817b13004.pdf>. The COOP Template was designed to provide recommendations that may be useful in preparing for events that may disrupt normal operations of drinking water and wastewater laboratories. The overall purpose of continuity planning is to ensure that essential laboratory functions are continued with or without minimal delay under all conditions. This template is customizable and can be expanded or condensed depending on the operational requirements of the drinking water or wastewater laboratory. (Pamela Barnes, 202-564 - 1094)

**Water Contaminant Information Tool (WCIT) Reprogramming.** The **Water Contaminant Information Tool (WCIT)** was reprogrammed to eliminate the need to work through USGS to update analytical methods and add new contaminants. This action allows EPA to directly update the tool resulting in both a significant time and cost savings. The revised version of WCIT has been deployed to the CDX production site. (Latisha P. Mapp, 202-564-1390)

**Charleston, WV Chemical Spill.** The Water Security Division is continuing to help coordinate Water Desk EOC activities associated with the spill. (Kevin Tingly 202-564-4619, David Travers, 202-564-4638)

### **Upcoming Meetings/Events**

SCWARN TTX

January 13-14, 2014

Lexington, SC

IN State Exercise

January 28-30, 2014

Warsaw, IN

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